



INDIANA RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2005

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance (OPPTA) Source Reduction and Recycling Branch is charged by statute under IC-13-20-22-2 to provide financial and technical assistance to local communities to provide education and promotion of source reduction and recycling projects.

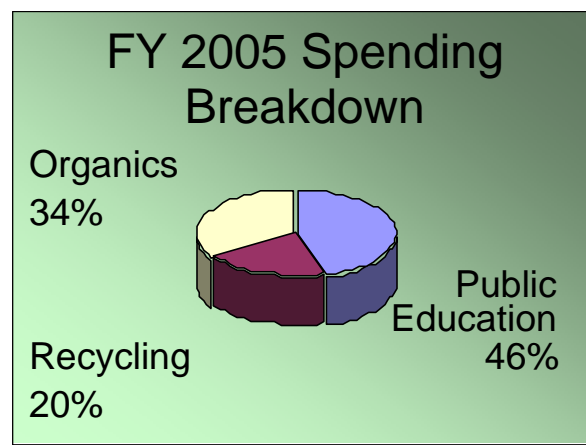
This report provides a financial summary of the source reduction, reuse, recycling and composting activities, as well as a brief overview of OPPTA's Source Reduction and Recycling Branch accomplishments for fiscal year (FY) 2005.

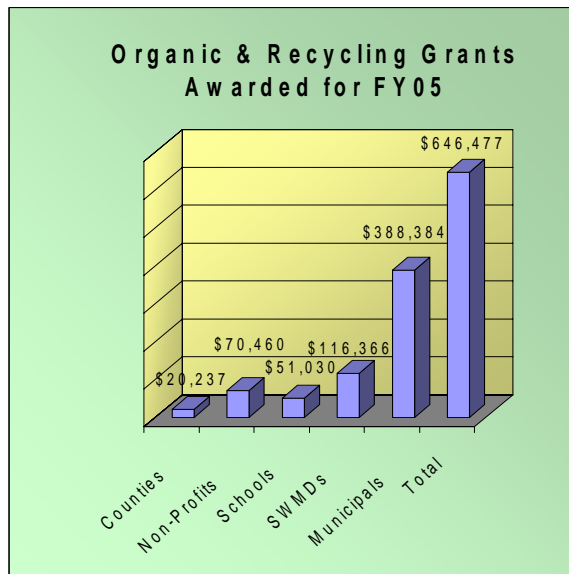
OPPTA's financial assistance

OPPTA awarded more than \$1 million in recycling grants for FY 2005 to solid waste management districts (SWMDs), cities, towns, counties, schools, and nonprofit organizations for startup costs, equipment purchases and education programs associated with establishing or expanding source reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting (organics) programs.

Overall funding comes from the state's Solid Waste Management Fund. IDEM divides this fund for 1) source reduction and recycling funding, and 2) non-

competitive outreach funding through Public Education and Promotion grants (PEP).





Recycling and Organic Grants
Grant funds are allocated for competitive recycling grants that fall under traditional, model, school and regional funding categories. In FY 2005, OPPTA offered two grant rounds.

Submittal deadlines for the FY 2005 grant rounds were May 2004 and September 2004. OPPTA awarded thirty-one recycling grants totaling \$646,477 for projects listed on the following table.

Organic & Recycling Grants Awarded for FY 05			
Recipient	County	Amount	Description
Boonville, Town of	Warrick	\$32,300	Leaf vacuum and chipper.
Brookston, Town of	White	\$13,100	Leaf collector.
Clarksville Street Department	Clark	\$32,085	Truck, box, and chipper.
Clinton, City of	Vermillion	\$19,310	Chipper and education/promotion costs.
Connersville, City of	Fayette	\$41,150	Tub grinder.
Crown Point, City of	Lake	\$15,500	Leaf collector.
Dearborn County SWMD	Dearborn	\$28,500	Baler.
Decatur Central High School	Marion	\$1,030	Recycling bins.
Evansville, City of	Vanderburg	\$25,000	Aerial lift truck.
Griffith, Town of	Lake	\$30,000	Front end loader and education/promotion costs.
IN Rural Community Assistance Program	Marion	\$70,460	Mileage and contractor fees for pilot community technical assistance and tool kit development.
IUPUI	Marion	\$50,000	Containers, vehicle, advertising, and promotional materials.
Jackson County SWMD	Jackson	\$14,255	Chipper.
Jasper County	Jasper	\$4,987	Recycling trailer.
Jasper, City of	Dubois	\$50,000	Curbside recycling truck.
Jasper, City of	Dubois	\$3,136	Curbside containers.

Lake Co. Parks & Recreation Dept.	Lake	\$10,000	Baler, containers, education/promotion costs.
Lake County SWMD	Lake	\$27,990	Waste-free school program (waste-free lunch kits and promotional items).
Lake Station, City of	Lake	\$4,000	Education/promotion costs.
Logansport Street Department	Cass	\$14,250	Leaf collector.
Marshall County SWMD	Marshall	\$6,250	Pickup truck.
Medaryville, Town of	Pulaski	\$13,250	Chipper.
Merrillville, Town of	Lake	\$50,000	Tub grinder.
Mitchell, City of	Lawrence	\$5,125	Oil container and drop-off bin.
Munster, Town of	Lake	\$14,750	Leaf collector.
Oxford, Town of	Benton	\$10,066	Chipper.
Seymour, City of	Jackson	\$8,549	Granulator for chipping plastic.
Spencer County SWMD	Spencer	\$29,000	Curbside vehicle.
Sullivan County SWMD	Sullivan	\$10,371	Shipping containers, vertical baler, signage, and radio/newspaper ads.
White County Recycling	White	\$5,250	Baler.
Whiting, City of	Lake	\$6,813	Chipper.
Total Grants Awarded		\$646,477	

Public Education and Promotion Grants

Each year IDEM allocates a portion of grant funds specifically to solid waste management districts for education through Public Education and Promotion (PEP) grants. In FY 2005, OPPTA awarded 51 PEP grants totaling \$540,906 to SWMDs to provide public education about the benefits of recycling and to promote their local programs (refer to the FY 2005 PEP Grant table below for a complete listing).

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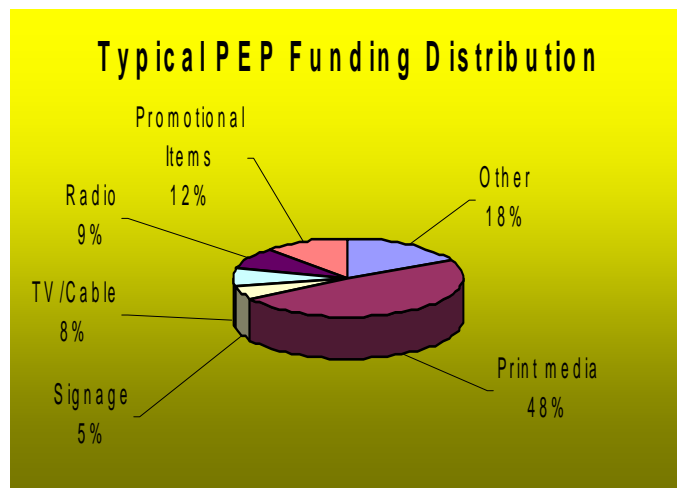
Allen County SWMD	\$17,000	Marshall County SWMD	\$8,269
Bartholomew County SWMD	\$10,180	Martin County SWMD	\$8,569
Blackford County SWMD	\$8,661	Miami County SWMD	\$9,241
Brown County SWMD	\$8,695	Monroe County SWMD	\$11,495
Cass County SWMD	\$7,600	Northwest County SWMD	\$11,260
Clark County SWMD	\$10,887	Perry County SWMD	\$5,200
COV County SWMD	\$19,308	Pike County SWMD	\$8,636
Crawford County SWMD	\$8,590	Porter County SWMD	\$12,266
Daviess County SWMD	\$9,000	Posey County SWMD	\$7,379

Dearborn County SWMD	\$9,544
Decatur County SWMD	\$8,943
Dubois County SWMD	\$9,345
Floyd County SWMD	\$8,930
Fountain County SWMD	\$3,285
Greene County SWMD	\$9,164
Hamilton County SWMD	\$10,453
Hancock County SWMD	\$7,778
Howard County SWMD	\$10,000
Huntington County SWMD	\$9,292
Jackson County SWMD	\$6,500
Jay County SWMD	\$8,865
Johnson County SWMD	\$11,505
Knox County SWMD	\$8,004
Kosciusko County SWMD	\$7,899
Lake County SWMD	\$17,828
Lawrence County SWMD	\$9,501

Randolph County SWMD	\$8,998
Shelby County SWMD	\$9,437
Southeastern County SWMD	\$33,178
Spencer County SWMD	\$8,829
St. Joseph County SWMD	\$13,094
Starke County SWMD	\$6,854
Sullivan County SWMD	\$8,868
Three Rivers County SWMD	\$15,716
Tipton County SWMD	\$6,000
Vanderburgh County SWMD	\$12,769
W.U.R County SWMD	\$10,361
Wabash County SWMD	\$9,193
Warren County SWMD	\$7,100
West Central County SWMD	\$25,605
Whitley County SWMD	\$9,123
Wildcat Creek County SWMD	\$16,709

Not all solid waste management districts received PEP funding in FY 2005. SWMDs with non-allocated cash surpluses that exceeded the limit IDEM established according to the requirements of H.E.A. 1339 were not eligible for grants in this round. Additionally, some eligible solid waste management districts chose not to apply for PEP funds. A per capita funding formula was used to determine the amount of PEP grant funding each SWMD was eligible to receive.

In Indiana, SWMDs are responsible for implementing promotional activities emphasizing source reduction, reuse, recycling, buy recycled, composting, and HHW activities. Program administrators consistently identify education and promotion as a priority for recycling. PEP grant funds can be specifically used in the following categories: print media, such as newspaper ads, brochures, etc.; signage; TV/cable; radio; educational/promotional items; mercury education; and other outreach such as conferences and training.



Waste reduction results from OPPTA's grant projects

In FY 2005, 18 grant recipients completed the requirements of their funding agreements. As a result of the state's investment of grant monies to these local communities, more than 35 thousand tons of materials were diverted from Indiana landfills. That represents figure represents a twelve-dollar for each ton of waste diverted from final disposal.

Grant Projects that Closed out in FY 05		
Grantee	Project type	Estimated diversion due to recycling grant
Bloomington, City of	curbside	2814.42
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Syracuse, Town of	leaves	700
Hobart, City of	leaves	639
Shelby Co SWMD	motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze	16.35
Crown Point, City of	wood	392
Bedford, City of	wood	3,900
Jasper Co Hwy Dept	asphalt	5500
Indiana Univ. SE	household recyclables	0 (education grant)
Floyd Co SWMD	truck/trailer	204.62
Mooreville, Town of	leaves, soils, concrete	12822
Madison, City of	yard waste	1292.21
Greene Co SWMD	open burning	0 (education grant)
Dearborn Co	baler, scales, hopper	682
Hanover, Town of	wood, recycling bins	308
Leo/Cedarville, Town of	yard waste	2522
Munster, Town of	wood	284
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Total (in tons)		35,175.02

OPPTA's Technical Assistance

OPPTA offers help to all Hoosiers regarding waste reduction. The following section briefly describes the office, assistance available, and the many outreach activities staff participate in throughout the state.

Regional Staffing

OPPTA's Source Reduction and Recycling Branch have regional representatives who provide technical assistance and manage the grant program. Grant managers are assigned to strategically cover the state in an effort to provide quick and consistent service to local communities. The regional structure allows grant managers to partner with local entities on projects and programs in their regions, minimizing agency resources needed to administer the program. A list of the regional representatives and their contact information is available on OPPTA's Web site at www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/recycling/grants or can be obtained by calling 800-988-7901.

Compliance and Technical Assistance

Source Reduction and Recycling Branch staff members actively provide technical assistance to their grant customers as well as Indiana citizens. During FY 2005, staff performed (524) recycling site visits and responded to numerous recycling and household hazardous waste grant assistance telephone and e-mail inquiries. Additionally, staff responded to (560) inquiries or requests for information on topics such as household hazardous waste, mercury, computer and appliance recycling, and where to recycle household materials. Some assistance efforts require extensive research to provide the caller with high-quality assistance.

Outreach

America Recycles Day

November 15 is designated as America Recycles Day (ARD). During FY 2005, several events were held throughout Indiana to remind people to renew their commitment to waste reduction, recycling and buying recycled products. In central Indiana, the ARD planning committee organized the America Recycles Day celebration at various locations in Indianapolis. Activities for the FY 2005 celebration included:

- Information and promotion about America Recycles Day and the importance of buying recycled was distributed throughout Indiana,
- The ARD Recycled Art Contest
- The ARD Student Poster Contest
- The ARD State Highway Rest Park Promotion
- The ARD Indiana Recycled Art Show at the Wheeler Art Center, and
- SWMDs throughout the state held local celebrations with the support of local sponsors.

Indiana State Fair

Source Reduction and Recycling Branch members staffed the IDEM display in the Department of Natural Resources building during the 2005 State Fair, held in August. Additionally, many OPPTA representatives and other environmental organizations helped with the plastic bottle recycling program at the Indiana State Fair. Volunteers helped set up and tear down the recycling containers and assisted in the collection of plastic bottles. The plastic bottles were sent to a local recycling company for processing.

Recycling Opportunities Database

In an effort to inform the public on statewide recycling opportunities, OPPTA has created and maintains the Recycling Opportunities Database. This searchable database provides fingertip access to information by county on recycling drop-offs and curbside programs. Any resident of Indiana with access to the internet can search their county for solid waste diversion opportunities near their home or workplace. There are 78 curbside recycling programs in the state and more than 571 recycling drop-offs. Ninety-five percent of Indiana residents have recycling services available (through a curbside or drop-off recycling program) within eight miles of their homes. The Recycling

Opportunities Database can be found on IDEM's Web site at www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/recycling/search/.

To keep current on source reduction and recycling information visit OPPTA's Web site at www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/recycling/.

Greening the Government

Indiana's Greening the Government Program is managed within the Department of Administration and works closely with the Department of Environmental Management, the [Greening the Government Taskforce](#), and the Governor's office. The goal of this program is to improve the environmental performance of all State operations. Greening the Government is an important step toward making the State's operations more environmentally sound, and in many cases more efficient and cost effective. This is also a great way to insure that Indiana's state government operational policies "walk the talk" of environmental stewardship. While Indiana currently boasts many examples of proactive environmental initiatives at various government facilities throughout the state, for the first time, the Greening the Government effort, creates a *comprehensive environmental plan* for Indiana's several hundred State facilities. Greening the Government requires recycling at all State facilities, pollution prevention, energy efficiency and waste reduction policies for government operations and on-going education and recognition for state employee involvement in these efforts.

Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence

Through these awards, IDEM seeks to recognize businesses, governmental units, schools and other organizations that proactively engage in activities that enable them to reduce their environmental impacts. IDEM announced the recipients of the Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence on November 15, 2004 at the Twelfth Annual Governor's Conference on the Environment. This hasn't been updated with 2005 data and should reflect which categories were given at the SWMD conference or indicate that others were awarded at the P2 conference. By publicizing these successful projects, IDEM hopes that others throughout the state will emulate them to improve the quality of the environment.

For a complete listing of the award winners and more information about the awards program, visit IDEM's Web site at www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/govawards/.

Note: Grant funds can also be used to support household hazardous waste (HHW) programs. For information on Indiana's HHW program and a copy of the Indiana Household Hazardous Waste Annual Report, visit www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/hhw/grants/reports/.